

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6. Please add new claims 7-18.

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7. (new) A method for preventing or reducing the attachment of lauryl ether sulfate to human skin during a washing process, said method comprising applying to skin an effective amount thereof of a deterative cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and their salts.

8. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and their salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 0.5% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

9. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 1.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

10. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

11. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants

13.1 selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 3.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

12. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein the lauryl ether sulfate is present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 9% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

Sub 2 13. (new) A method for desorbing lauryl ether sulfate from human skin, said method comprising applying to skin an effective amount therefor of a deterative cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and their salts.

14. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and their salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 0.5% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

15. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 1.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

16. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a

concentration of more than 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

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17. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more anionic surfactants selected from the group of N-acylamino acids and salts thereof are present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 3.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

18. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the lauryl ether sulfate is present in the preparation in a concentration of more than 9% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of this response requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.